

REMARKS

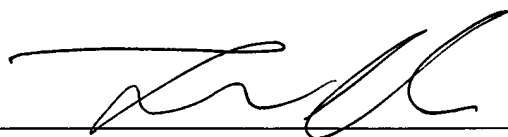
Initially, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for granting a telephone interview on April 8, 2005, regarding a sequence-related issue raised in the Advisory Action dated March 29, 2005 ("Advisory Action"). This document is filed in reply to the final Office Action dated December 15, 2004 ("Office Action"), taken into consideration of the Advisory Action and the telephone interview. Claims 1-14 are pending and under examination.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-14 were allowed. On the other hand, he objected to the Specification, stating that the sequence listing filed with Applicants' response dated September 22, 2004 contained new matter (i.e., the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 7 and 8). Applicants subsequently conducted the above-mentioned interview. During the interview, Applicants' counsel proposed deleting the alleged new matter and filing a substitute sequence listing with a supplemental reply. The Examiner agreed.

Accordingly, Applicants have filed herewith a substitute sequence listing. It is submitted that the objection asserted by the Examiner has been rendered moot, and that the Specification is now free of new matter. Allowance of this application is therefore proper and early favorable action is solicited. Enclosed is a \$60 check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges to deposit account 06-1050, referencing attorney docket 12875-002001.

Respectfully submitted,

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